

SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, March 20.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday: Virginia—Fair and colder Sunday; Monday increasing cloudiness; fresh northwest to north winds. North Carolina—Cloudy, with rain and not so warm Sunday; Monday fair, except rain on the coast; fresh north to north-east winds.

A fair Sunday is predicted by the weather people, in keeping with the beautiful weather of the past few days. The temperature yesterday was for the most part pleasant, although the mercury in the warmest portion of the day reached seventy-six. It had sunk to 62 by midnight. Colder is predicted to-day.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

P. A. M.	63
10 A. M.	73
2 P. M.	76
6 P. M.	71
10 P. M.	61
12 midnight	54

Average

Highest temperature yesterday	76
Lowest temperature yesterday	59
Mean temperature yesterday	65
Normal temperature for March	63
Departure from normal temperature	+2
Precipitation during past 24 hours	.00

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Edn rises	6:01
Sun sets	6:24
Moon sets	7:13
Edn rises	6:00
Sun sets	6:23
Moon sets	7:12

RICHMOND.

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THIS LADY IS SEEKING A VETERAN

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THE GRAY COATS ANSWER IN HASTE

Mrs. L. B. Harper, of Roanoke, Is the Fair Writer.

DOESN'T KNOW IF SHE IS A WIDOW NOT

Her Husband Has Been Gone for a Considerable Time—Her Letter Read in the Mess Hall Friday Night, and it Occasioned the Liveliest Interest Among the Veterans.

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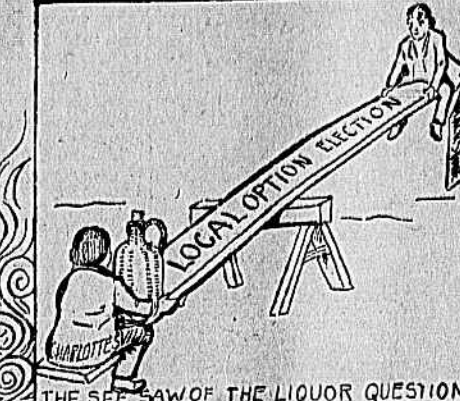
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ONE OF N. CAROLINA'S NEW TOWNS.



HOW MANY WILL FALL UNDER THE DOUBLE FIRE.



THE SEE-SAW OF THE LIQUOR QUESTION.



CITIZEN'S WISH LEGISLATURE WOULD OPEN ONE OF THE TWO.



A RACE FOR THE SAFETY LINE.



NOW FOR FISH STORIES.

SOME SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN BLACK AND WHITE.

BATTLE WAS DESPERATE

Many Shots Exchanged Between Citizens and Robbers

A VERY BOLD ROBBERY

Three Men Entered Town, Bound and Gagged Policeman and Then Proceeded to Their Work of Burglary—One Robber Killed.

CLEVELAND, O., March 20.—A desperate battle was fought to-day between three robbers, on one side, and officers and citizens, on the other, at Bedford, a suburb, resulting in the death of one of the robbers and the wounding and capture of another. Many shots were exchanged before the fleeing men were finally brought to earth.

Very late last night three masked men entered the town of Garrettsville, 24 miles east of Cleveland, seized the night policeman and bound and gagged him. The officer was then marched to the post office, where he was compelled to witness an attempt to blow open the safe by the marauders. They finally, after working some time, gave up the job without securing anything of value. They then entered the store of F. E. George, where they secured a small sack and buggy and drove to Ravenna, where they boarded a Cleveland and Pittsburgh freight train for Cleveland.

Meantime the authorities had been aroused at both Ravenna and Garrettsville. Telegrams were sent to the post office, and when the train arrived there a number of deputy sheriffs and a posse of citizens were on hand, armed with guns and revolvers. The three burglars jumped from the train as it drew up to the station. They immediately drew their revolvers, and a running fight began. Finally one of the pursued horses and buggy was driven to a dead end, where the robbers were shot. A second was so badly wounded that he left a trail of blood in his flight.

The third robber was captured by a posse of citizens and taken to the station. He was then taken to the hospital, where he is now recovering from his wounds. The robbers were armed with guns, revolvers, and a sack of money.

DEWEY EXPLAINS HIS INTERVIEW

He Said It, but Meant No Reflection on Germany. Her Emperor or Navy.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—At the instance of the President, Admiral Dewey called by appointment at the White House and made a full explanation of a recent newspaper interview, in which the Admiral was quoted as saying the Caribbean Sea manoeuvres were an "object lesson to the Kaiser more than to any other person."

The Admiral assured the President that he had no intention of reflecting on Germany, her Emperor, or her navy, and that while the statements credited to him were substantially what he said, he neglected to caution the interviewer against quoting him.

Admiral Dewey drove to the White House in his own carriage, accompanied by the acting chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Captain William S. Cowles. At the close of the interview the Admiral returned immediately to his Rhode Island Avenue home. The Admiral declined to make any statement for publication. At the White House it was stated that the Admiral's statement was satisfactory to the President. It is not believed that any further official notice will be taken of the interview.

REMARKABLE BIRD GROUP

Work of Art at Museum of Natural History.

COBB'S ISLAND IS SHOWN

Artists Visited the Virginia Coast to Study Birds—They are shown in Flight by Use of Invisible Platinum Wires.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, March 20.—An elaborate new bird group at the American Museum of Natural History is attracting much attention.

It is a companion to the bird rock group, but surpasses that by showing the birds in flight. The subject is the sea bird life of a sandy beach, and a skillfully painted background adds much to its beauty and attractiveness.

The attempt to show many birds in flight has also been surprisingly successful, skillful treatment in coloring and arrangement rendering the wires that support the birds practically invisible. The wires used are of platinum, as fine as hair, but exceedingly strong, and more costly than gold wire.

The locality represented is Cobb's Island, Va., a shell-strewn islet several miles long.

To secure material and studies for the group, Frank M. Chapman, associate curator of birds in the museum, visited Cobb's Island last July, when the nesting season was at its height. He secured many photographs of the beach-inhabiting birds. The birds were mounted by H. C. Denslow, of the museum's department of preparation, the background being painted by W. Q. Cox.

A CLEAVER WAS NEGRO'S WEAPON

James Coke Charged With Assaulting Mrs. Josephine Ford.

The Third District police are on the search for James Coke, a negro, who is accused of having assaulted and cut Mrs. Josephine Ford with a butcher's cleaver. The wound, fortunately, is not a serious one.

It is stated that Coke went to No. 1205 Carrington Street, where Mrs. Ford conducts a store, and became engaged in a dispute with her. Becoming enraged, he is alleged to have seized the cleaver from the block hard by and struck her. He then made his exit hurriedly.

Mrs. Ford's hurt was attended to and the police were notified.

REVOLUTIONISTS ARE IN CONTROL OF COAST

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Admiral Coghlan has cabled the Navy Department as follows relative to the revolution in Honduras.

my absence eastward for protection and order by request; no disturbance and guard withdrawn. Finding American mail steamer due upon my arrival, sent guard to her from Olympia before steamers entered port; also placed guard in dock. Number 60 refugees on Brats. Think there is no danger to Americans on their interest. Our vice-consul there agrees in this opinion. Everything quiet here, but no responsible local government organized as yet. Effect of squadron excellent all along coast. All outside reports from the coast greatly exaggerated; and, though conditions somewhat unsettled, change of authority accomplished with minimum disorder. San Pedro railroad turned over peacefully to government. 24th. Sent Dehl there to investigate conditions and necessity for guard demanded by Americans. He said revolutionists enter well organized, equipped in good order and under able and intelligent leaders. Telegraphic communication with San Pedro interrupted.

PRESIDENT WILL CALL AN EXTRA SESSION

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 20.—Secretary Hay, when apprised of the action of the Cuban Senate in ratifying the reciprocity treaty, expressed his gratification. During the last three days Secretary Hay has been in active cable communication with Minister Squires and no doubt the action of the Senate Committee in recommending its position was influenced more or less thereby. But three days remain of the time limit in which ratifications can be exchanged. Secretary Hay, however, says that as soon as official notification is given by cable of the action of the necessary documents, the ratifications can be exchanged at once without waiting for their receipt.

Secretary Hay added that in his message to Minister Squires he gave the assurance that the President would call an extra session of Congress in the fall. The time was not stated, but the Secretary said Congress would be convened sufficiently in advance of the regular session to allow the action of the treaty as required by the Senate amendment before December 31st.

PRESIDENT'S TOUR.

Arrangements Complete and Itinerary Has Been Announced.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 20.—All arrangements for President Roosevelt's Western tour have been completed, and the itinerary was given out to-night.

Should the President leave Washington Wednesday, April 1st, at 9:00, over the Pennsylvania Railroad, and will be accompanied by Secretary Loeb, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and three stenographers; C. R. Rosenberg, representing the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; representatives of three press associations, three weekly papers, and a photographer. P. W. Williams, of the Associated Press, will accompany the President. The President's train will be met at Chicago by the Chicago and North Western Railway, and will be accompanied by the Chicago and North Western Railway, and will be accompanied by the Chicago and North Western Railway.

The run to Chicago, the first stopping place, will be made direct, allowing only for the necessary railroad changes. Few changes have been made in the itinerary as published several days ago.

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SMOKING ROOM FOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Sumptuous One to Be Fitted Up in Chicago, Where Women Can Enjoy the Weed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHICAGO, ILL., March 20.—Startling is the innovation proposed by the Out-of-town Women's Club—a sumptuously furnished smoking room. It will be the real thing, furnished with comfortable chairs and all that goes to make for comfortable enjoyment of the weed.

The organization has upon its roster forty names, always prominent in the society columns, and will be limited to 30. Each will pay \$125 entrance fee and \$75 annual dues. The governing body will consist of an advisory board, three members of the club and two men, one from the Union League and one from the Hamilton Club. Miss Alice Blount is the president. The founders say the membership will comprise the leaders of society from all the chief cities of the land.

RIVER IS BEYOND CONTROL

Greenville, Cravasse Is Steadily Growing.

STUBBORN FIGHT TO BE ABANDONED

Break May Increase Until It Is a Mile in Width.

CITY IN TOTAL DARKNESS AND THE FLOOD RISINO

People Being Brought to High Part of the Town in Boats—Fearful Night for Residents—Many Reports of Families Being Drowned in Their Homes Prove Unfounded.

(By Associated Press.) GREENVILLE, MISS., March 20.—The situation at this city to-night is quite as serious as it was last night, and inch by inch the flood is spreading to new sections of the city; foot by foot the great cravasse in the levee five miles to the south of the city is widening, and mile after mile of fertile delta land is being covered by the waters as they rush inland from the gap.

The developments of the night are awaited with uneasiness. The disaster which has thus far occurred have been sufficient to shake the stoutest heart and make almost any new calamity probable. At the cravasse forces of men have battled all day against the raging torrent, fighting stubbornly and desperately with the flood, but the tide has been too strong. It is being eaten at either side of the cravasse by seething waters. It is very probable that this effort must be abandoned and the cravasse allowed to pursue its own course, as it has grown wider with each hour, until now it is more than 400 yards across, and the engineers say that it will not be impracticable for the gap to increase to a mile's width.

CITY DELUGED. In Greenville there is very little of the town free from water, and the rise continues, although the river itself has fallen more than a foot because of the cravasse. It seems probable that the entire city will be under water in a few days, but the loss of property and damage will reach a large figure. Rescuing parties have been busy all day bringing persons in boats from the low lying portions of the city to the higher sections, and thus far there have been no known losses of life. There have been many reports of families being drowned in their homes and individuals being swept away, but without exception there has been no confirmation in this city of these rumors.

With the situation as gloomy as it necessarily is from the city being overflooded, with the electric light plant suspended and the town in total darkness and with the water rising inch by inch the night will be a fearful one for the people of Greenville.

But these conditions of themselves are not the most alarming feature of the situation, and all through the night men and women will sit with ears strained and eyes peering into the darkness to ward the north, awaiting with dread a sudden roar from that direction. For it is now in the north that the danger is most present, a critical point having developed in the levee thirty miles north of Greenville at Catfish Point.

A desperate effort is being made to hold the levee at this point, and the men are being sent to aid those who are there making their fight for the city's safety. Reports this afternoon from this point, however, are that the danger is not so great as it was at first, and that the levee is holding. The city is now in a state of great anxiety, and the people are being urged to remain calm and to be prepared for the worst.

MILES UNDER WATER. It is estimated that fully 1,500 square miles of territory between Greenville and Vicksburg are under water, and that this area is being made larger and larger every hour. For this reason no estimate can be put on the loss of property and the damage that will result from the break. Rescue boats are busily engaged in taking the people out of the water, and it is hoped that there will be no loss of life. One boat to-day brought out seventy-five souls.

The situation on the Arkansas side of the river remains unchanged and no break is now threatened. It is very probable that all railroad communication will be shut off to-night.

TORRENT OF WATER IS POURING THROUGH BREAK

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, March 20.—Though a great torrent of water is pouring through the break in the levee at Hymalia plantation, the river there shows little tendency to decline. Much consolation, however, is derived from the fact that the cravasse occurred the rise has ceased. The early morning reading was 20.1. By nightfall it was 20.2. In explanation of the slight effect the break had, the fact is pointed to that the current pouring in Hymalia has not yet cut a channel in the nature, and only a surface now is going through the break.

If the efforts to close the cravasse are abandoned, the levee, built of river sand will doubtless melt rapidly and produce a cravasse rivaling that of Davis in 1884, when the river here fell with considerable rapidity.

Work at the cravasse progressed steadily during the day. Early in the morning some of the cribbing at the lower end yielded to the force of the current but the line was recommenced and good headway made. The lower end of the break was made. The lower end of the break was made.